



Nova Scotia
Pharmacy
Regulator

Continuing Education Policy

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BACKGROUND

Continuing education is critical for pharmacy professionals in maintaining and enhancing their knowledge and skills throughout their career. To ensure registrants of the Nova Scotia Pharmacy Regulator (NSPR) maintain the necessary competencies to deliver safe, effective and ethical pharmacy care after they are initially licensed, they must meet annual licence renewal requirements, which include completion of continuing education that meets the requirements approved by the NSPR Board.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

As part of the annual licence renewal requirements, the NSPR bylaws set out the following requirements:

55. CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 55.1 To qualify for renewal of their licence to practise pharmacy for the following year, each registrant holding a practising or conditional licence must, in the current licence year, complete 15 units of continuing education that meets the requirements approved by the Board.
- 55.2 Section 55.1 does not apply to
 - (a) a pharmacist during the year of their graduation from an approved education program;
 - (b) a pharmacy technician in the year of their graduation from or, where applicable, the year of completion of an approved education program; or
 - (c) pharmacy technician candidates, pharmacist assessment candidates, pharmacy students or interns.
- 55.3 Continuing education for a registrant must meet the requirements approved by the Board.
- 55.4 A pharmacist or pharmacy technician transferring from another jurisdiction in Canada may apply to the Registrar for credit for any continuing education completed in the other jurisdiction, and the Registrar will allow credit for any continuing education credits that meet the criteria established for continuing education in the other jurisdiction.

PURPOSE

To set out the criteria for continuing education to meet the requirements of section 55 of the NSPR Bylaws.

POLICY

Continuing education undertaken for the purpose of meeting the requirements of section 55 of the NSPR Bylaws must be accredited by one of the following:

- The Canadian Council for the Continuing Education in Pharmacy;
- Dalhousie University Continuing Pharmacy Education;
- Mainpro+;
- A pharmacy regulatory authority in Canada;
- The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education;
- A pharmacy regulatory authority or recognized pharmacy education accreditor in an approved jurisdiction set out in Schedule A of the NSPR *Waiver of Registration or Licensing Requirements in the Public Interest Policy*; or
- Another organization as approved by the Board.

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